



## HOUSE BILL 1080: Watha Deannexation

2013-2014 General Assembly

**Committee:** House Finance  
**Introduced by:** Rep. Millis  
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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 1080 would deannex a parcel of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Watha.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S733, as introduced by Sen. Rabon, which is currently in Senate State and Local Government.]

**CURRENT LAW:** Under Section 1 of Article VII of the NC Constitution, the General Assembly is empowered to "provide for the organization and government and the fixing of boundaries of counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions, and, except as otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, may give such powers and duties to counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions as it may deem advisable."

Pursuant to this Section, the General Assembly enacted Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, which governs municipal annexations. The General Assembly has not enacted any method for municipalities to *deannex* property — that power remains with the General Assembly.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1080 deannexes a parcel of land consisting of approximately 39.669 acres from the corporate limits of the Town of Watha. The act also provides that it does not affect the validity of any liens of the Town of Watha for outstanding ad valorem taxes or special assessments.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act becomes effective June 30, 2014.

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